

CARRANZA HOLDS JOKER IN SPANISH

One Word in Chief's Joint Commission Note Puzzle for Lansing.

DOES "PREFERENCIA" MEAN "PREFERABLY"?

State Department Thinks It's "Preferentially," So Solution Awaits a Schoolmaster.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]
Washington, Aug. 5.—On one little word, the Administration professes to-day, progress in the negotiations with Mexico and the acceptance of Carranza's plan for a joint commission to solve the border difficulties hangs. It is the Spanish word "preferencia."

The Mexicans at the embassy translate it as "preferably," but the State Department thinks the proper meaning is "preferentially." And between those two versions, Webster's Standard Dictionary notwithstanding, State Department officials profess to see a world of difference.

The issue, as it appears to lay minds here unversed in diplomacy, seems to be: What did Carranza mean when he instructed his commissioners to devote their attention "preferably" (or "preferentially") to the resolution of the points mentioned in the previous note of this department? Did he mean that after those points were taken up the commission would be free to turn

to other questions pertaining to the border which the Administration was anxious to have gone into in the "broader scope" to the inquiry which it requested?

According to those in close touch with Mexican affairs, this is what Carranza did mean. They contend that his reply was only characteristic of the Mexican way and that, while it did not seem to grant the American request, in reality, by means of a loophole, it did. The State Department, however, sees a different point.

Stumble on Spanish Word.
"Preferentially," as acting Secretary Polk interpreted it to-day, would mean that all questions except those bandied in Carranza's first note are excluded. Thus the commission would only be empowered to discuss the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico, which the Administration does not hold a subject for inquiry. It could provide merely for policing the border and the investigation of past raids, but it could not carry out the President's plan of working out a permanent solution of the Mexican problem.

The State Department having exhausted itself, the interpretation of "preferencia" has been left for President Wilson on his return from his yachting trip Monday morning. Not only as President, but as a former college professor and distinguished scholar he will have to settle the question. Until then further developments, including the appointment of the American commissioners, wait literally upon a word.

Reply Waits on President.
The reply to General Carranza's note regarding the proposed joint commission to settle border difficulties will not be formulated until President Wilson returns from his week-end cruise down the Potomac. State Department officials said to-day there would be no announcement as to the position of the United States until that time.

The State Department has renewed its representations over the imprisonment in Mexico City of H. A. Dunn, an American electrician, charged with having sold dynamite to Zapata bandits. The department also has made inquiries as to the charges against a Mr. Fulton, Canadian manager of the Electric Light and Power Company, in Mexico City, who has been thrown into prison, according to reports to the British Embassy here.

MOTHER DYING, SON ON BORDER

Red Tape Holds Up Extension of Guardsman's Furlough.

LEAVES BEDSIDE TO FULFIL DUTY.

Another Private Granted Extra Time—Squadron A Out on Five-Day Hike.

By ROBERT H. RORHE.
Headquarters 6th Field Division U.S. Army, McAllen, Tex., Aug. 5.—Mr. Blaney could have staged it better. He would have worked in a foam-specked charger and a wounded dispatch rider—certainly, at least, a fierce, futile gallop off stage on the cocoanut shells. But here in camp on the border, where so much of the potentially dramatic always is present, they seem to have no eye for fine effect.

What happened was this: A travel-stained little man in khaki, with a bundle on his right shoulder, a suitcase in his left arm and unhappiness in his eyes, presented himself to the sentry on Post No. 1, the head of the 7th Infantry, on Flak Boulevard and the main gateway to Camp Escorpion.

Recognized by the sentry, he trudged on to the tent of Captain Despard, the regimental adjutant. With suitcase and bundle at his feet he stood at salute.

"Private Hanf, M Company, sir," he reported, "returned from furlough."

Granted Too Late.
Captain Despard thoughtfully rifled a pile of official papers on the desk before him.

"I'm sorry, Hanf," he said; "we did our best, but that was not good enough. It got here this morning." "It" was one of the papers in the pile on which Captain Despard's fingers trembled—an order granting a fifteen-day extension to Private Hanf's furlough.

Fill in the rattle of the cocoanut shells for yourself. This is the unvarnished story.
Two weeks and one day ago a telegram came for Victor Hanf. His face went pale under its new Texas tan and he read and read it.

"Come at once if you can; mother dangerously ill," was the message.
Back in his old home Colonel Fisk can write briefs of prodigious length, filled with whys and whereases. Down here he makes a practice of driving at once to the point.

"See to it that the boy gets away on the first train," he told Captain Despard. The captain saw to it. Division headquarters can grant furloughs of not more than fifteen days. For leaves beyond that there must be much correspondence with department headquarters in San Antonio. Private Hanf got his fifteen days' leave immediately.

"Now we'll move heaven and earth immediately to get an extension through," they told him.
Regiment Pulled for Him.
Heaven and earth may have both bugged a little, for the efforts put forth in Private Hanf's behalf were great.

But the slow wheels of routine inexorably blocked the whole regiment, as the story flew along the company streets, was "pulling" for Hanf. It was only this morning that the extension came clicking over the wire.

His chance of making his turn between something about the "it" not having been crossed in the fourth word, second sentence, of requisition No. 3147, and something else concerning the loss of shoes. Only a few hours behind it came Hanf.

"I left her dying," he told his company commander, his voice oddly strained. "I didn't dare to take a furlough. Most probably the extension would be granted—but, then, again, maybe it wouldn't be. I didn't dare to take a chance."

And so, clear record and a fifteen-day furlough that is of no earthly use to him, Private Hanf goes back to fulfill his soldierly duty—and to wait for another telegram.

Private Hanf M. Hepburn, of B Company, had better luck. A few days ago news that his sister was dying won him a fifteen-day furlough. The 7th "pulled" for him, too, with better effect. His chance arrived to-day and is being forwarded.

Instructors Assigned.
Six regular army officers have been assigned to the New York Division as instructors and are coming here to speed up the training of the Guardsmen. The first of them, Major G. W. Jamerson, detached from the 28th United States Infantry, arrived to-day and established himself in headquarters at Pharr.

The coming of the instructors is taken to mean that the acclimating and preliminary hardening of the troops are considered complete.
Another squadron of cavalry will march to-day on the trail broken by Major General John F. O'Ryan, who is out on a five-day hike with Squadron A. One unit a day will leave until all the cavalry is on the move. After that the infantry will have a chance to see the scenery along the twenty-five-mile course. Real hiking, too.

Three officers of the 71st Infantry have handed in their resignations. That of Lieutenant H. I. Davidson, of Company G, already has been accepted, and he started back to New York to-day, with twenty-one years of Guard service closed. The others who have resigned are Lieutenants Henry Conway and Edward Greenough.

A report that a hurricane was whirling toward the Rio Grande Valley was received late to-night. Call to quarters was ordered immediately and more than a thousand guardsmen, who were watching a motion picture show in a big tent near camp, had to leave Charley Chaplin falling down a long flight of stone stairs. They were ordered in their own tents to wait until dawn and make ready for a rough night on the prairie.

GEN. BUTT'S SON TYPHOID VICTIM

Guardsman, Back from Texas, Neglected in Camp, Father Says.

HURRIED TO HOSPITAL ON ARRIVAL HOME

Parent Lays Illness to Bad Water and Declares Federal Militia System "Rotten."

Robert McCoskey Butt, son of General McCoskey Butt, reserve list of the National Guard, returned to New York from McAllen, Tex., Friday afternoon, ill with typhoid fever. He was sent at once to St. Luke's Hospital. He is a member of the 7th Infantry, and was detailed as chauffeur to Brigadier General George R. Dyer.

General Butt, when seen yesterday, spoke in highly indignant terms of his son's experiences as a National Guardsman in the service of the United States.

"In active service," he said, "officers and men must naturally expect all kinds of hardships and suffering, but this does not give any excuse for not providing in times of peace proper safeguards for the health of the men who volunteer their services to the United States when called for."

Guardsman's Father Indignant.
"My son, who was on special duty with General George R. Dyer, is among the victims of the present rotten system of ignorance or neglect, or perhaps both. He arrived home a physical wreck. I at once called a doctor, who said he was suffering with typhoid fever and ordered him to the hospital."

"Robert was taken ill at McAllen about two weeks ago and held for a week as a typhoid suspect. Next he was sent to Brownsville and held another week in a hospital while red tape was being cut. Before leaving McAllen for Brownsville he was discharged for losing eighteen pounds in weight. When he enlisted he weighed 155 pounds."

No Attendant on Train.
"At Brownsville a minor error was found in his discharge, and it had to be returned to the 7th Regiment. McAllen for correction. It took three days for the discharge to travel sixty-five miles and return. To him could have been granted a furlough or sick leave and the discharge could have been forwarded later. After the discharge and transportation arrived at Brownsville the sick man was put aboard the train without an attendant, the doctors apparently not knowing what his ailment was."

"My son felt so badly on the train that he stopped off at St. Louis for a brief rest. I received a telegram from him there. I had previously telegraphed friends in the adjutant general's office, the Secretary of War, the Governor, the quartermaster corps and a Senator and could get no trace of him. This was during an entire week."

"Bad water at McAllen first made my son ill, and I know the water hurt a number of others. If it had not been for the personal attention of General Dyer he would probably have been in a much more serious condition and might have died for lack of attention, as men did in 1898."

Recalls Blunders of '98.
"Reputable correspondents, who have dared to tell the truth about the lack of hospital arrangements and supplies, are officially dubbed as liars. A later impartial investigation, however, may

prove, beyond doubt, who deserves that title.

"Why is the report of such an authority as Dr. Darlington withheld? There is probably too much truth in it, and efforts to cover the glaring defects are probably being made. Why was not an officer like General Wood sent to make a report on border conditions? Is it because he would refuse to speak plainly, suggesting corrections where necessary and putting the blame where it belongs?"

"I think the parents of every soldier along the border, regulars and volunteers, should write their Congressman or Senator asking him to investigate the present rotten system and destroy it. Patriotism is simply being penalized, and the old story of '98 is largely being repeated."

L. Havenner Butt, another son of the general, is in Texas, in Company K, 7th Regiment.

SUN BOMBARDS ROOKIES' RANKS

Many Fall by Roadside as Mercury Reaches 111 Degrees.

[From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.]
Cadysville, N. Y., Aug. 5.—There is nothing in the heat of Mexican plains to strike terror into the rookies now. They had it all to-day, fighting, marching and falling by the roadside in valleys where 111 degrees of the concentrated rays of the sun beat down upon them.

The wagon trains rattled into camp with loads of pale, fainting and worn-out men, who had been unable to stand the going, and there was no spring left in the steps of those who came in under their own steam over roads where the tramp of thousands of feet had stirred up choking clouds of dust.

However, there was a reward at the camp ground in a broad, shallow swale sweeping down to the Saranac River, which afforded them the finest swimming pool on the hike. They also were cheered with the knowledge that tomorrow they will have nothing to do but rest, and that after that only two short marches remain between them and liberty in citizens' clothes next Tuesday.

To-day's march and heat claimed the heaviest toll thus far of men who had to give up, the ambulances bringing many back to Plattsburg. No definite figures were obtainable. It was learned that one man had developed cardiac trouble and his condition was causing the camp surgeons much anxiety, but his name was refused by the post hospital surgeon.

After the regular army gets through with the rookies Tuesday morning, and the officers need no longer worry about their welfare, the railroads will have to tackle the job of getting several thousand civilians, suddenly become superfluous to this particular community, out of the way to make room for 4,000 or 5,000 incoming August student soldiers. In order to do it expeditiously and with comfort to the dismissed regiments, several conferences have been held between the training camp commanders and the traffic officials of the Delaware & Hudson and other affected roads.

Many to Return by Boat.

The numbers of the original 6,300 rookies who started the camp have been materially reduced. About 460 men have already been discharged for physical disabilities that made them unable to go on the hike, or have left because of other urgent reasons. Also about 200 men are sent back from the hike daily, which, in the eight days, will mean a reduction of another 160 men.

In addition to these, camp headquarters has informed the railroads 211 men will stay here to enter the August camp. Several hundred men will leave by lake boats. The local railroad will also be spared 1,500 men from Boston and elsewhere in New England, who will cross Lake Champlain to Burlington, where they will become the problem of the Central Vermont and Boston & Maine. Forty-six sleepers will await them in the yards at Burlington.

Eight Special Trains.

The schedule of trains to leave Plattsburg station August 8, the day of the breakup, calls for a special at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, consisting of seven Pullmans and four coaches, for New York. An hour later there is a second special of seven Pullmans and four coaches for New York, one car to be cut out at Albany. Both these specials will make connections with the Albany and Troy night boats for New York.

At 10 and 11 o'clock on the night of the last day there will be two twelve-car sleeper specials, running without stop overnight through New York. Before these, at 9 p. m., there will be a special in two sections over the Boston & Albany, one car of the first section being for Boston, one for Worcester, three for Springfield, four for Providence and two for Detroit. The second section will have three cars for Boston, two for Cincinnati, three for Chicago and one each for Cleveland and St. Louis. This train will take passengers for all points between Plattsburg and Chicago, as well as for points west of Chicago.

Specials to Carry 3,000.

At 7:30 there will be still another special, carrying men home to Utica in one car, Rochester in two cars and Buffalo in six cars. For Philadelphia there will be a thirteen-car, no stop special.

These eight specials will take care of about 3,000 men, beside the 2,700 leaving by boat, already gone or returning behind. This leaves about 600 men yet to be accounted for, and it is expected they can be taken care of by the regular trains.

VILLA A SUICIDE, IS MEXICAN REPORT

Torreon Newspaper Prints Story Which Is Not Credited.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 5.—Francisco Villa, wounded in the right side in a skirmish with the troops of General Matias Ramos, at Hacienda San Juan, Durango, July 16, ordered his men to scatter to save themselves, and then committed suicide after he had been wounded into the nearby foothills, according to a story printed on July 29 in "La Radical," a newspaper of Torreon, a copy of which reached here to-day.

However the story was not credited at military headquarters here or in

"STAMPEDE" A THRILL PRODUCER

Cowboy Celebration at Sheephead Shames Movies with Stunts.

THE REAL WEST HAS BEEN BROUGHT EAST

Exhibition of Ranch Sports Amuses Large Crowd at the Speedway.

With a whoop-horay and a yip-ki-yi "The Stampede and Spirit of the West Celebration" began at the Sheephead Bay Speedway yesterday afternoon. The cowboys and cowgirls and range bosses, ranch foremen, remuda hands and Injun braves have ridden the drawing-room Pullman trails all the way from Waukomis, Okla., and points west, to celebrate. And, having come so far, they intend to do the matter up in a whole-hearted Western way. Beginning promptly at 2 p. m. each day, they are going to celebrate right through until next Saturday night.

Some 5,000 resident New Yorkers repaired to Sheephead to contemplate the Westerners casually engaged in the pastimes of the range. And whether it was the real West at holiday they saw, or merely an exhibition of Western sports specially contrived for Eastern eyes, hardly matters at all. It was something new, and they enjoyed it immensely. The stands, however, were not without some real, honest explanations. And the reminiscent way their eyes would light up at times seemed pretty clear proof that some of the things they saw were mighty close to the true Western thing.

To-morrow a percentage of the gate receipts at the exhibition will be shared with the Woman's American Supply League, an organization formed to supply necessities to National Guardsmen on the Mexican border and in concentration camps. Mrs. John Hays Hammond is president of the league, which also provides for the indigent families of soldiers.

Every Sport Shown.

The programme runs the gamut of known ranch sports with trimmings on some for exhibition purposes, while others were all trimmings, as far as ranch antecedents go. But the cowboys were a picturesque lot, the cowgirls were alert and well-dressed, the Mexicans saddle-colored, furtive and sombered, and the ponies ill-behaved enough to rouse the most jaded movie fan. One event that made a hit was the "cowboys' night" race, in which This is typical cow-country game, the rules of which may be epitomized as follows: Game is played on a circular half-mile track, such as all ranches clinging to true frontier traditions. Contestants start at post mounted, dismount at one-eighth mile post, open suitcase, remove and don nightshirt, mount horse with suitcase and ride to quarter-mile post, dismount, take out and raise umbrella, hold suitcase in one hand and umbrella in other and finish race.

Cowboy Floyd Irwin was the victor in a spirited contest. Dave Cromwell, who rides fence out in Wyoming, claimed he would have won the race but for a misunderstanding. Dave belongs to the more progressive class of cowpunchers, and passes his nights on the range with cash for his work and a pillow, clad in pale blue cashmere pajamas. Naturally, he says, he never dreamed the old-fashioned Mother Hubbard-like "nightie" would be used in a bang-up 1916 model contest.

The bucking horse bareback contests, the bull-dogging, the steer roping, the steer roping, pony express race and steer bull-dogging tournament were events of a different ilk. If modern pay-as-you-enter daredevilry can produce anything more hair-raising than a genuine steer bull-dogging match between a keenly rivalled outfit of punchers, the thrill hunters would like to see it. Steer bull-dogging is a real Western sport, and a steer-dogger who puts his heart into his work is a poorer life insurance risk, two to one, than a bullfighter.

A Dangerous Leap.

The object is to leap from the back of a flying horse on to the head of a maddened and fleeing Texas longhorn and throw the steer by the neck and entangle him from the neck and entangle his legs. Jack Fretz brought a gasp to 5,000 throats when he hurled himself from the saddle of his plunging mount and, catching his foot on the point of his saddle, was thrown sprawling on to the 18-inch horns of the charging steer. Cowpuncher and animal went down in a heap. The steer scrambled back and trotted off, minus one horn, but Jack didn't.

"Whew!" exclaimed a cowboy, who had witnessed the mishap from in front of the grandstand, "I guess Jack's done for."

The cowboy started for the prostrate man on a run. A first aid squad hurried to the spot. Luckily, however, Fretz was not seriously hurt. The bull-dogging event was won by Mike Hastings, who threw his steer thirty seconds after it had been released from the corral. The cowboy whose aggregate time for the week is least will be declared champion and the bulldogger of the world. It is an honor

that many persons will not care to contest. And there are other events just as hazardous. One sees them and gets a thrill that can mean just one thing—the real West.

SENATE ARMY BILL IS CUT \$46,373,447

Appropriations for Defence Will Total \$637,947,282.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The conference report on the army appropriation bill, completed, but held up by objections of President Wilson and the War Department to an amendment to the revised Articles of War, reduces the total appropriations, as the measure passed the Senate, by \$46,373,447. It became known to-day that as it will be reported for final approval the bill carries \$267,595,000, against \$313,970,000 appropriated by the Senate bill, and \$182,600,000 by the House.

The report will be submitted to both houses in its present form within a few days unless the House conference yields to urgent War Department requests for reconsideration of the amendment of Representative Hay exempting retired army officers and enlisted men from the military criminal code. Representative Hay said to-day that he anticipated no trouble with President Wilson and the War Department over the amendment. He said retired soldiers were in fact civilians, and he saw no reason why military courts should be called upon to dispose of their cases when civil courts could serve. Opponents of the amendment, however, fear exemption from military discipline will open the door to acts prejudicial to the army's interests.

Total appropriations for national defense have been reduced from \$656,416,000 to \$637,947,282, with the navy bill still subject to revision.

AID NEEDED FOR WOMEN NOT USED TO WORK

Employment Sought for Dependents of Guardsmen.

Not the women who worked for their living before marriage, but those who have been accustomed to a life of comparative leisure are presenting the gravest problem to the Active Services Auxiliary, that is trying to find employment for wives of National Guardsmen now left penniless. The employment work carried on by this organization is finding no difficulty in placing practically all applicants for commercial and domestic positions, "an officer of the auxiliary said yesterday. The young women who after leaving school remained at home until she was married, however, presents no qualifications for any of the regular openings to work.

"If this type of dependent wife has a baby or two the situation is even more difficult from the standpoint of earning anything to help meet the household expenses. Work to do at home is the only solution of the problem, unless it is made a case for relief rather than employment."

BRONX GUARDSMEN NEED AN AMBULANCE

Appeal to Red Cross for Aid in Getting Auto.

Captain A. Weiner, adjutant of the 2d Field Artillery, now encamped at McAllen, Tex., has appealed to the Bronx Chapter of the American Red Cross for assistance in securing a Ford automobile, which may be used as an ambulance and truck by his command. The Bronx men in the unit are located in a place which necessitates carrying injured men by mule team to a town five miles away.

In response to Captain Weiner's letter, the Red Cross Society is issuing a special appeal, asking that contributions toward an ambulance for the 500 Bronx men in the command be sent to Charles F. Minor, treasurer, Columbia Trust Company, 14th Street and Third Avenue.

During the last week Miss Ellen L. Ade, chairman of the Bronx Chapter of the American Red Cross, has shipped 500 comfort bags to the men in the three Bronx batteries of the 2d Field Artillery, as well as 2,000 hospital articles and several cases of cookies. The comfort bag contains a pad, pencil, envelope, toothbrush, tooth paste, comb, wash cloth, talcum powder, foot case, floating soap, khaki sewing cotton, white sewing cotton, self-threading needles, khaki buttons, white and self-threading buttons, safety pins, handkerchiefs, leather shoe laces, razor blades, pipe and tobacco and playing cards.

GUARD SERVICE THREE YEARS

Men Who Serve That Will Be Sent to Reserve.

Washington, Aug. 5.—National Guardsmen now in the Federal service who complete their required three years of active service will be transferred to the National Guard reserve of their respective states or territories unless they desire to continue with the colors for the full six years of their enlistment. If furloughed to the reserve they will be sent home at the expense of the government. This announcement was made by the War Department to-day.

In computing enlistments on the new basis, full allowance will be made for time already served under suggested enlistment contracts. Men discharged from guard regiments on the border for physical disability or other cause will be mustered out at their state mobilization points. The government will pay transportation charges to the state camps.

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